



(The Alexandria Technical & Community College had 16 student competitors attend this conference. We received 5 – 1<sup>st</sup> place, 3 – 2<sup>nd</sup> place, 2 – 5<sup>th</sup> place, 2 – 8<sup>th</sup> place, and 1 – 10<sup>th</sup> place awards. Of the 16 competitors, 13 placed in the top 10 in the nation. ATCC also had one State Officer that attended as a Voting Delegate to elect the new National Team of Officers.)

## **ATCC Students Earn Awards at National SkillsUSA Competition**

Alexandria Technical & Community College students recently participated in the 46<sup>th</sup> National SkillsUSA Competition held in Kansas City, Missouri, June 21-26, 2010. More than 14,000 students, teachers, education leaders, and representatives from more than 1,800 national corporations, trade associations, businesses and labor unions attended the event. Over 5,600 outstanding career and technical education students joined in the excitement of hands-on competition in 96 different trade, industrial, technical, law enforcement, leadership, and health fields. These students come from public high schools, career and technical centers and schools, and two-year colleges. SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry representatives, working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. It helps each student to excel. The SkillsUSA Championships is considered the largest single day of corporate volunteerism in America and valued at \$39 million in industry support of donated time, equipment, cash, and materials. All contests are run by and judged by industry using industry standards for employment.

In order to qualify for this national competition, the students first had to compete in the local and state contests. Only the state gold winners advanced to this national SkillsUSA Championships. All national winners receive medallions and frequently receive tools of their trade and/or scholarships to further their careers and education.